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a forward spreader member separating said first base assembly from second base assembly at a predetermined distance sufficient to accommodate a full swing with a driver; and

an aft spreader member separating said first base assembly from second base assembly complementing said forward spreader member.

12. The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means for adjusting the height of said elastic cords, whereby accommodating golfers of varying heights and golf clubs of different lengths.

13. The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a plurality of attachment locations along said first end attachment member and said second end attachment member, whereby distance between cords can be adjusted accommodating golfers of varying skill levels.

14. The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 10, wherein plane formed by the said pair of elastic cords is substantially perpendicular to the intended swing plane of the golfer.

15. The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 11, further comprising means for rendering said golf swing plane training apparatus collapsible, whereby improving portability.

16. The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 15, wherein means for rendering said apparatus collapsible comprises:

said first base assembly pivotably secured to aft end of said first end attachment member adapted to rest on a practice surface;

said second base assembly pivotably secured to aft end of said second end attachment member adapted to rest on said practice surface;

said first vertical support comprising: a first upper vertical support member pivotably secured to forward end of said first end attachment member, a first lower vertical support member pivotably secured to forward end of said first base assembly, and a first clamp assembly, whereby said first upper vertical support member can be releasably and slidably attached to said first lower vertical support member;

said second vertical support comprising: a second upper vertical support member pivotably secured to forward end of said second end attachment member, a second lower vertical support member pivotably secured to forward end of said second base assembly, and a second clamp assembly, whereby said second upper vertical support member can be releasably and slidably attached to said second lower vertical support member;

said forward spreader member comprising: a first forward articulating leg secured to forward end of said first base assembly, a second forward articulating leg secured to forward end of said second base assembly, and a third clamp assembly, whereby said first forward articulating leg can be releasably attached to said second forward articulating leg while resting on said practice surface;

said aft spreader member comprising: a first aft articulating leg secured to aft end of said first base assembly, a second aft articulating leg secured to aft end of said second base assembly, and a fourth clamp assembly, whereby said first aft articulating leg can be releasably attached to second aft articulating leg while resting on said practice surface;

a first spacer member pivotably attached to aft end of said first base assembly and a fifth clamp assembly secured to inner portion of said first forward articulating leg, whereby said first spacer member can be releasably attached to said first forward articulating leg;

a second spacer member pivotably attached to aft end of said second base assembly and a sixth clamp assembly secured to inner portion of said second forward articulating leg, whereby said second spacer member can be releasably attached to said second forward articulating leg;

a first brace member comprising: a first outer brace member pivotably attached to upper end of said first lower vertical support member, a first inner brace member pivotably attached to inner portion of said first forward articulating leg, and a seventh clamp assembly, whereby said first outer brace member can be releasably attached to said first inner brace member;

a second brace member comprising: a second outer brace member pivotably attached to upper end of said second lower vertical support member, a second inner brace member pivotably attached to inner portion of said second forward articulating leg, and an eighth clamp assembly, whereby said second outer brace member can be releasably attached to second inner brace member.

17. The golf swing plane training apparatus of claim 15 fabricated with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) pipes, fittings, pivoting means, and clamping means.

18. A method of using a training device for swinging a golf club along the proper swing plane comprising the steps of:

suspending an elastic cord at a predetermined height substantially parallel to the ground;

positioning the golfer in a manner such that the intended swing plane of the golfer is substantially parallel to and in the proximity of said elastic cord;